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Including Macular Degeneration

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Examiner Sznaidman:

In response to the Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application, mailed February 19, 2009, the Applicant elects "macular degeneration", claims 273, for search purposes. Claims 271-273 and 276-279 read on the compound elected for search purposes.

The Applicant understands that upon allowance of a generic claim, they will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim. See 37 CFR 1.141.

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner withdrawing the previous Restriction/Election, mailed on January 15, 2009. As the claims have not been restricted into a Group I nor a Group II, and since no previous election has been submitted, the Applicant believe that "Second election for Groups I and II", which appears on page 2, line 5, of the instant Action, is a typographical error. If this is not the case, clarification on this matter is respectfully requested.

The Applicant believes that apart from the one-month extension of time fee paid with the filing of this Response, no other fees are due in connection with this filing. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this Response, or any other submission, to our Deposit Account, No. 06-1448, Reference, HMV-091.02.

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If a telephone conversation would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned.

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